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majority of the population, and their health interests deserve to be contemplated in any reform," Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein said on NBC's "Meet the Press." REUTERS

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2 North Korea said on Sunday it has detained another U.S. citizen on suspicion of "hostile acts" against the state, which would make him the fourth American to be held by the isolated country amid heightened diplomatic tensions with Washington. Kim Hak Song, who worked for the Pyongyang University of Science and Technology, was detained on Saturday, the North's KCNA news agency said. "A relevant institution of the DPRK detained American citizen Kim Hak Song on May 6 under a law of the DPRK on suspension of his hostile acts against it," KCNA said. DPRK is short for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, North Korea's official name. A third U.S. citizen, Kim Sang Dok, who was associated with the same school, was detained in late April for hostile acts, according to the North's official media. REUTERS

HEAD OF ISLAMIC STATE IN AFGHANISTAN KILLED

3 The head of Islamic State in Afghanistan, Abdul Hasib, was killed in an operation on April 27 conducted jointly by Afghan and U.S. Special Forces in the eastern province of Nangarhar, U.S. and Afghan officials said. Hasib, appointed last year after his predecessor Hafiz Saeed Khan died in a U.S. drone strike, is believed to have ordered a series of high profile attacks including one in March 8 on the main military hospital in Kabul. Last month, a Pentagon spokesman said Hasib had probably been killed during the raid by U.S. and Afghan special forces in Nangarhar during which two U.S. army Rangers were killed, but prior to Sunday's announcement there had been no confirmation. This successful operation is another important step in our relentless campaign to defeat ISIS-K in 2017," U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. John Nicholson said. REUTERS

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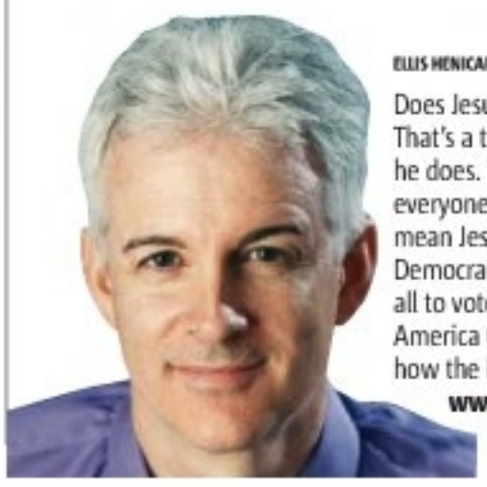

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The season sneakers is

As the weather gets warm, Philly sneakerheads are out scouting the latest styles and trends.

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As an East Coast city with infamously cold winters, the arrival of warm weather in Philadelphia is a cause for celebration.

Water ice is available in many flavors, neighborhoods throughout the city host block parties, and for commuters and residents who pound the pavement every day, it's also the start of sneaker season.

Sneakers are more than just comfortable alternatives to shoes in Philadelphia. They help people show their personality in stylish ways.

"There are has to be a little exclusivity behind it," said sneaker collector and entrepreneur Jorge Rodriguez. "They could be a limited-edition color or be one of a limited number of pairs. I want to know [my sneakers] will make a little bit of noise."

A fan of classic looks and having sneakers nobody else does, DJ and marketing expert Sean McMillan said Philly is known for classic sneaker looks that were ahead of the curve.

"Philly had a strong connection to '80s retro sneakers, like your Puma Clydes, Adidas Gazelles," he said. "They were clean, versatile shoes where you didn't look like you were trying to do too much. You wanted to look good without 'doing too much.'"

Finding the right pair of sneakers to explore Philadelphia in is just as important as knowing where to find a good cheesesteak. No matter the colors of your kicks or what they are made from, you're going to wear them with pride.

"When you lace up a new pair of sneakers, there are few feelings that compare to that," Rodriguez said. "We come from places where people don't

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have much. No matter what, you at least have a new pair of sneakers."

Great Philadelphia sneaker moments

Allen Iverson
NBA Hall of Famer and former Philadelphia 76ers star Allen Iverson earned the nickname "the Answer" for his brilliant scoring prowess, but it was his footwork as the face of Reebok that made him a trendsetter off the court. His Question signature sneaker was extremely popular and has gone on to become one of Reebok's most popular designs ever.

Boyz II Men
Legendary Philadelphia singing group Boyz II Men showed the world that sneakers can also be high fashion in a way only Philly natives could. The award-winning quartet wore patent-leather Nike Air Jordan XI basketball sneakers with tuxedos at the 1996 Grammy Awards and influenced generations of fans.

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Macron wins French presidency

President Donald Trump tweeted his congratulations on Macron's "big win," saying he looked forward to working with him.

Emmanuel Macron was elected president of France on Sunday with a business-friendly vision of European integration, defeating Marine Le Pen, a far-right nationalist who threatened to take France out of the European Union.

The centrist's emphatic victory, which also smashed the dominance of France's mainstream parties, will bring huge relief to European allies who had feared another populist upheaval to follow Britain's vote to quit the EU and Donald Trump's election as U.S. president.

Pollsters' projections gave Macron a winning margin of around 65 percent to 35 — a gap wider than the 20 or so percentage points that pre-election surveys had suggested.

Even so, it was a record performance for the National Front, a party whose anti-immigrant policies once made it a pariah in French politics, and underlined the scale of the divisions that Macron must now try to heal.

Emmanuel Macron waves to supporters after winning the French presidential election, at The Louvre on Sunday in Paris, France. GETTY IMAGES

"I know the divisions in our nation, which have led some to vote for the extremes. I respect them," Macron said in an earnest address at his campaign headquarters, shown live on television.

"I know the anger, the anxiety, the doubts that very many of you have also expressed. It's my responsibility to hear them," he said.

His immediate challenge will be to secure a majority in next month's parliamentary election for En Marche! (Onwards!), a political movement that is barely a year old, in order to implement his programme.

President Francois Hollande, who first brought Macron into national politics, said the result "confirms that a very large majority of our fellow citizens wanted to unite around the values of the Republic and show their attachment to the European Union."

Jean-Claude Juncker, the president of the European Commission, told Macron: "I am delighted that the ideas you defended of a strong and progressive Europe, which protects all its citizens, will be those that you will carry into your presidency."

Macron told German Chancellor Angela Merkel in a telephone call on Sunday after the result that he would travel to Berlin soon for talks.

Macron's team successfully managed to skirt several attempts to derail his campaign — by hacking its communications and distributing purportedly leaked documents — that were reminiscent of the hacking of Democratic Party communications during Hillary Clinton's election campaign.

Allegations by Macron's camp that it had been targeted in a massive computer hack that compromised emails added last-minute drama on Friday night, just as official campaigning was ending.

The 39-year-old former investment banker, who served for two years as economy minister under Hollande but has never previously held elected office, will become France's youngest leader since Napoleon.

Le Pen, 48, said she had also offered her congratulations. But she defiantly claimed the mantle of France's main opposition in calling on "all patriots to join us" in constituting a "new political force."

Her tally of around 35 percent was almost double the score that her father Jean-Marie, the last far-right candidate to make the presidential runoff, achieved in 2002, when he was trounced by the conservative Jacques Chirac.

Her high-spending, anti-globalisation "France-first" policies may have unnerved financial markets but they appealed to many poorer members of society against a background of high unemployment, social tensions and security concerns.

Despite having served briefly in Hollande's deeply unpopular Socialist government, Macron managed to portray himself as the man to revive France's fortunes by recasting a political landscape moulded by the left-right divisions of the last century.

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Former ambassador to France discusses election results

Ambassador Craig Stapleton, who served as the U.S. ambassador to France from 2005 to 2009 after holding a similar role in the Czech Republic, discussed what President-elect Emmanuel Macron's decisive victory means for France, the U.S. and the future of Europe.

"This is a very historic moment," Ambassador Stapleton said. "Nobody expected him, six months ago, to make it even to the final round [of voting]. Nobody thought he would be the president of France."

Macron, whose previous experience included a role as an economics minister, ran for the presidency under the banner of a new political party, En Marche, that he started, which may prove to be a difficulty when the time comes to forge political alliances in the French legislature.

"He's quite knowledgeable about the international financial world," Stapleton explained. "His problem is that he has no party, and France is governed through its legislature, so he will have to get votes from both the Socialists and Republicans — forging coalitions will be a big challenge."

Stapleton also elaborated on Macron's outsider image, saying that although he was not a member of any established party, his path to the presidency was not exactly that of an insurgent candidate.

"He went to the best schools and had an elite status. He ran on the program of the old system not working, and he was a new voice," Stapleton stated. "He has an establishment background. He is not an insurgent — he was in the system."

Macron's campaign favored centrist policies that found middle ground in the space between the country's right and left wings.

"Centrists usually get picked apart, but in this election, his skill in finding the center in a country that has had trouble finding the center is a huge political accomplishment," Stapleton stated, adding that the new president-elect will likely pursue a close relationship with the U.S. "From an American point of view, he speaks very good English and is well aware of the relationship between France and the U.S."

Likewise, Macron will probably favor a similarly stable role for France within the EU and NATO alliance. "He's a Eurocentric guy. People who want to keep the EU together are thrilled to have him as the president of France," Stapleton said. "I presume, as a centrist, he wants to continue France's role as a military power and its role in NATO."

Craig Stapleton GETTY IMAGES

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With his large victory in Sunday's election, Macron has already ascended to the world stage and will be a strong voice in international politics.

"He's an intriguing guy. He's a world figure already, one of the top five or 10 voices in the world, and he's got that voice. … He's going to be one of the most interesting people to watch." JASON NUCKOLLS

Emmanuel Macron, then a presidential candidate, waves while standing with his wife wife Brigitte Trogneux after delivering a speech in front of the Pyramid at the Louvre Museum in Paris, France. GETTY IMAGES

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Doctor couple bound, murdered in their Boston home

Dr. Richard Field and Dr. Lina Bolanos PROVIDED

Police identified the victims of a South Boston double-slaying as two doctors. A suspect is in custody.

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Two physicians who were engaged to be married were brutally murdered in their South Boston apartment, reports said.

Dr. Richard Field and Dr. Lina Bolanos were both found with their hands bound and throats slashed inside their apartment on the 11th floor at 141 Dorchester Ave., Boston.com reported.

Police and SWAT responded to the scene around 8:30 p.m. after Field texted a friend for help. Officers arriving found the couple dead and suspected killer Bampumim Teixeira, 30, inside. Teixeira allegedly fired at the officer. He was then shot and taken into custody.

No motive has been released for the crime, but Teixeira was reportedly just released from prison after robbing a bank. He also was reportedly allowed to enter the apartment by the couple. Their relationship with Teixeira is not known.

Some message of "retribution" was reportedly written on the wall of the apartment, but its contents were not revealed.

Field worked at North Shore Pain Management. Bolanos worked at Massachusetts Eye and Ear as a pediatric anesthesiologist and taught at Harvard Medical School.

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Reporters barred from Kushner Companies' visa-for-investment event in China

Jared Kushner, whose White House portfolio includes relations with China, sold his stake in Kushner Companies to a family trust early this year.

Organizers barred journalists on Sunday from a publicly advertised event in Shanghai that offered Chinese investors the chance to get U.S. immigrant visas if they put money in a real estate project linked to the family of President Donald Trump's son-in-law.

The two-tower luxury apartment complex in New Jersey, One Journal Square, is being developed by KABR Group and the Kushner Companies, which until recently was headed by senior White House advisor Jared Kushner, the husband of Trump's daughter Ivanka.

The developers are seeking to raise $150 million, or 15.4 percent of funding for the project, from investors through the EB-5 visa program,

Jared Kushner GETTY IMAGES

according to marketing materials posted by the event's organizer, immigration agency Qiaowai.

The controversial EB-5 program allows wealthy foreigners to, in effect, buy U.S. immigration visas for themselves and families by investing at least $500,000 in certain development projects.

"Sorry, this is a private event," said a man stopping journalists from entering a function room at the Four Seasons Hotel in Shanghai.

Guests at the event said Kushner's sister, Nicole Kushner Meyer, spoke for about 10 minutes, including about her family's humble roots.

According to The New York Times, Meyer attended a similar event in Beijing on Saturday and told the audience of about 100 people the project "means a lot to me and my entire family".

"Mr. Kushner has no involvement in the operation of Kushner Companies and divested his interests in the One Journal Square project by selling them to a family trust that he, his wife, and his children are not beneficiaries of, a mechanism suggested by the Office of Government Ethics," his lawyer, Blake Roberts of WilmerHale law firm, said in a statement emailed to Reuters by the White House.

"As previously stated, he will recuse from particular matters concerning the EB-5 visa program."

A Kushner Companies spokeswoman declined to comment in a New York Times article about the Beijing event published on Saturday.

The Times story said Meyer did not respond when asked if she was concerned about possible conflicts of interest facing her brother. Journalists from the Times and Washington Post were removed from Saturday's Beijing event, the newspapers reported.

One potential investor, Sophie Xing, said a "very important" factor in her decision to attend Sunday's event was the fact the project was a Kushner Companies investment and that Trump's son-in-law's sister would be in Shanghai.

"Actually I really don't know how close they are but I felt that this was a pretty good project," she said.

In a promotional text message seen by Reuters, Qiaowai made note of Meyer's relationship to Trump and called her the event's "heavyweight honored guest".

Qiaowei representatives at the event declined to answer questions from journalists, and calls to its listed phone number went unanswered. REUTERS

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The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) is providing an opportunity for public review and comment on proposed revisions to the Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and the Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan (Administrative Plan). The proposed revisions primarily address requirements of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Final Rule, which implements housing provisions under the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, and of HUD's PIH Notice 2016-05, which relates to Streamlining Administrative Regulations for Programs Administered by Public Housing Agencies. The documents are available for public review and downloading on PHA's website at www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at the following locations:

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But some extremists on the religious right want to pretend the almighty was a tea party Republican. They backed Donald. Donald's paying them back.

This is already being challenged in the courts, as you knew it would be. Let us pray that some judge knows the Bible *and* the Constitution!

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Fire in Okefenokee wildlife refuge forces evacuations in Georgia

A wildfire in Georgia's Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has forced dozens of nearby residents to leave their homes, authorities said on Sunday, adding that the blaze might not be fully contained for months.

About 130,000 acres, or about a quarter of the refuge, have already burned, said Melanie Banton, a spokeswoman for firefighters and park officials battling the West Mims Fire, which began on April 6.

Most of the fire is within the refuge, which straddles Georgia's southeast border with Florida, but it is encroaching on private land. No injuries have been reported.

A shelter was set up in a gymnasium in Folkston, Georgia, for 79 residents in the tiny town of St. George, Georgia, who were told on Saturday to evacuate, Banton said.

Shifting winds have helped spread the fire, which was 12 percent contained as of Sunday morning, Banton said. She added it could take until November before the blaze is fully contained.

Winds gusts of up to 25 mph and low humidity boosted chances of the fire's spreading on Sunday, according to a statement issued by forestry and firefighting officials.

"Anything that can burn will burn if a hot ember falls," the statement said.

The fire burned into Florida last month and may advance into that state again, officials said on Sunday.

The West Mims fire burns in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, Georgia. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

While much of the wildlife refuge is marshland and swamp, parts of it are prairie and wooded land. It is home to black bears, alligators and sandhill cranes.

Six years ago, a wildfire burned more than 300,000 acres of the 407,000-acre refuge, said Mark Davis, a spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which runs the refuge. REUTERS

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The military's experimental X-37B space plane landed on Sunday at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, completing a classified mission that lasted nearly two years.

The unmanned X-37B, which resembles a miniature space shuttle, touched down at 7:47 a.m. on a runway formerly used for landings of the now-mothballed space shuttles, the Air Force said in an email.

The Boeing-built space plane blasted off in May 2015 from nearby Cape Canaveral Air Force Station aboard an Atlas 5 rocket built by United Launch Alliance, a partnership between Lockheed Martin Corp. and Boeing Co.

The X-37B, one of two in the Air Force fleet, conducted unspecified experiments for more than 700 days while in orbit. It was the fourth and lengthiest mission so far for the secretive program, managed by the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office.

The orbiters "perform risk reduction, experimentation and concept-of-operations development for reusable space vehicle technologies," the Air Force has said without providing details. The Secure World Foundation, a nonprofit group promoting the peaceful exploration of space, says the secrecy surrounding the X-37B suggests the presence of intelligence-related hardware being tested or evaluated aboard the craft. REUTERS

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Hollywood wants Paris Jackson to be the next 'it girl'

Paris Jackson is like, a thing now. The, um, daughter of Michael Jackson and Debbie Rowe has been everywhere, lately. According to People, the 19-year-old made her red carpet debut in January, signed with IMG Models in March, and is now set to get a starring role in a film with Charlize Theron.

According to Page Six, Jackson has reportedly signed a seven-figure deal with Calvin Klein. "This deal is to make Paris the new face and body of Calvin Klein," a source tells the site. "Expect to see Paris in huge ad campaigns and on many red carpets in Calvin Klein."

OK, but who is Paris Jackson, anyway? Here's what we know about Hollywood's latest, ugh, "it girl."

She considers herself a black woman

In a profile with Rolling Stone, Paris acknowledges that some people doubt her parentage. But when it comes to Michael Jackson, for her, there's no question. "He is my father," she told the mag. "I consider myself black. [My dad] would look me in the eyes and he'd point his finger at me and he'd be like, 'You're black. Be proud of your roots.' And I'd be like, 'OK, he's my dad, why would he lie to me?'"

She's already best friends with Kendall Jenner

E! Online reports that the two became fast friends after meeting at Paris Fashion Week. They're even buds on Instagram, so you know it's real.

To learn more about Paris Jackson's rapid ascension to fame, visit metro.com/entertainment.

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Please let this Chris Rock and Kerry Washington rumor be false

Chris Rock is making a comeback, didn't you know? The 52-year-old comedian has been opening up about maybe cheating on his ex-wife with a variety of women while on his alimony tour. He's even gone into detail about cheating on his wife with three different women: one famous, one semifamous and one of the "retail class."

Now, sources are telling Page Six that the famous woman was allegedly the perfect, beautiful angel Kerry Washington.

According to the source, Rock cheated on his wife, Malaak Compton-Rock, while he and Washington were filming "I Think I Love My Wife." And yeah, that's a movie about him having fantasies of cheating on his wife.

"That went on for a while, for like six months, and [Malaak] found out."

I'm wishing and hoping that this is nothing more than a rumor. Because like, Kerry Washington is too smart to succumb to the charms of one Chris Rock, right?

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Prince Harry & Meghan Markle make their official debut, kind of

Apparently, people love the royals. And as far as Prince Harry, I can see the appeal. He's tall, he's ginger, he's handsome.

Also, for what it's worth, he's dating a regular. And not any ol' regular: he's dating Meghan Markle, an American, mixed-race actress, which I personally just love. And now, they have kind of made their first public debut. Kind of.

The "Suits" actress has spent her weekend showing her support for Harry at the Audi Polo Challenge at Coworth Park Polo Club in Ascot, England. Eddie Redmayne was there too!

According to People magazine, the appearance marks the first time that Harry, 32, and Markle, 35, have attended a public event together. Even if they were mostly separated by a field.

But! On Sunday, the pair was snapped sharing a brief make out session after Young Ginge left the polo field. Hot.

The people's couple is expected to make a real-life appearance at Pippa Middleton's wedding on May 20. May the speculation about their own engagement and whether or not the queen even approves continue till then!

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Nick from 'The Handmaid's Tale' is the boyfriend we all deserve

Max Minghella, the actor who plays him, ain't so bad either.

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We've already established that here at Metro, we love "The Handmaid's Tale." It's a very thoughtful show that explores feminism, patriarchy and how a totalitarian regime is probably lurking just around the corner IRL. And it's an important show for these pre-apocalyptic times.

But you know what I appreciate the most in this series? The Waterfords' driver, Nick, as played by Max Minghella. He is very attractive and frankly, it is a pleasant distraction from all the bad, uncomfortable stuff going on. His and Offred's subtle flirtation is not at all a central focus of the series (at least not yet) but it is delightful to witness and frankly I would very much like more of it immediately, thank you very much.

In last week's episode, we only get a brief glimpse of him as he drives silently in the rain, low-key brooding while Offred explodes in the backseat. She bangs against the glass that separates them, screaming obscenities and venting her frustrations and — because he's just like a great listener — he simply lets her have her moment without trying to interrupt it with his words or his mansplaining. Because he cares.

In the third episode, his face gets so close to Offred's face that sexual

tension bounced from my television, into my forehead and knocked me out cold. JK! But it probably could have if I wasn't lying down and half asleep already!

Max Minghella himself isn't bad either. Here's what we know about him.

He's Hollywood royalty

The 31-year-old, official name Max Giorgio Choa Minghella, is the son of Carolyn Choa, a Hong Kong-born choregorapher, and the late director Anthony Mighella. He made a little movie called "The English Patient" — maybe you've heard of it?

He's been around for a bit

Minghella has appeared in a bit of everything. He starred in "The Social Network," as Divya Narendra, co-founder of Facebook rival ConnectU. He also played Danny's little brother, Richie Castellano, in "The Mindy Project."

And he's multitalented

The British babe is set to make his directorial debut with "Teen Spirit," an emotional underdog story set in the world of pop music, starring Elle Fanning. Ooh!

He was very nearly a Mr. Mara.

He dated Kate Mara for four years, so obviously there's at least one other person in the world who shares my enthusiasm for this dude.

So yeah, if we could induct Max Minghella into the Internet #boyfriend Hall of Fame, that would be very good.

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Dave Bautista doesn't want to be set on fire

The wrestler-turned-"Guardians of the Galaxy" star talks about the stunts he won't do.

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Dave Bautista (with Pom Klementieff) returns as Drax the Destroyer in "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2," in theaters now. MARVEL STUDIOS

Remember when Dave Bautista was a wrestler? He's not one anymore. Now he's a movie star, thanks to the first "Guardians of the Galaxy." As literal-minded behemoth Drax the Destroyer, he's the gang's most powerful kicker of alien ass. In the sequel "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2," he makes for a reliable source of deadpan comic relief as well. He even gets to play a little emotional this time around, mourning his lost spouse and tiptoeing around a flirtation with an unusual newcomer.

Underneath lovable lunkhead Drax's red-and-blue facepaint, however, Dave Bautista is human after all. We talked to the actor, 48, about scoring Bruce Lee tapes, Florida and his reasonable reluctance to be set on fire.

Doing film stunts must be a completely different animal than physical sparring. How do those stack up against one another?

As far as fight choreography in films goes, I love doing it. I prefer to do it myself. But I have a very capable stuntman, who I'll call without hesitation if there's a bigger stunt. For example, there was a part in "Spectre" where I had to get set on fire, and I was very honest right from the beginning: I just had absolutely zero interest in getting set on fire. Like, "I would really appreciate not getting set on fire."I don't have that type of personality where I can prove I'm a tough guy by letting someone set me on fire.

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from someone — I can't remember who, I want to say Tom Cruise but I know that's not it— saying that it's a matter of putting the work above pride, something about not wanting to jeopardize a production just to prove you've got big balls.

Absolutely. But that wasn't Tom Cruise, I can tell you that.

Right, because doing his own stunts is his whole thing. [Ed.: It was Danny Trejo, who said "I don't want to risk 80 people's jobs just so I can say I have big nuts."]

I've been on a film where I've gotten injured, and the whole production just has to shut down. So it doesn't make sense to draw all that trouble over something stupid. I'm just not qualified to get set on fire.

Next Level

It looks to me like you're about to get bumped up to the next level of stardom — you've landed a major franchise, you got a Sundance hit with "Bushwick," you're going to be in "Blade Runner 2049" this fall. Has there been an adjustment, going from the fame of a wrestler to that of a movie star?

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I live in Tampa, and I live a very simple life. I don't get recognized that much, and when I do, I'd say 95 percent of the time it's from wrestling. People still don't make the connection with "Guardians of the Galaxy," or if they do, it's because they followed me there from wrestling. I don't mind it. It makes sense; I was on TV every week for almost 10 years, so of course that's what they'll know me from.

Florida's a weird state. The most bizarre crime reports all come from Florida, I've noticed. My mom always says she likes coming to visit me in Florida just to watch the news. She lives in San Francisco and she just loves it. It's like watching "The Jerry Springer Show."

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Chef Michael Symon loves his mom

His new Angeline Italian restaurant at the Borgata is named after her.

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It's a wonder that chef Michael Symon gets anything done at all, let alone open a new restaurant such as Angeline at the Borgata. Along with being an Iron Chef on the Food Network and a co-host on ABC's "The Chew," he's lording over a culinary empire that consists of best-selling cook books and six other restaurants spread across the U.S.

"It's just another day in paradise," he says with a laugh, discussing his tough work schedule. "You know what, though? I've maintained a seven-days-a-week work schedule for 35 years, so why stop now?"

That's a grind he picked up from his pop in his hometown of Cleveland. From his start as a rib cook at Geppetto's to the today, Symon is all about rolling up his sleeves and getting his hands dirty.

What makes him want to open a new space comes down to feeling out a location and allowing it to speak to him and his wife/business partner Liz Symon.

"It's a combination of vibe, location and letting the space dictate what we want to do," he says.

When it comes to the Borgata and Atlantic City, Symon is frank in stating that he has resisted casino towns for his restaurant concepts for 15 years. "We've had offers," he says. "But we, honestly, weren't ready until now, not certain how we'd run restaurants in the Midwest [Lola Bistro, Mabel's BBQ] and the coasts. Once I started spending time in New York City and expanding our base, we felt more comfortable. We can now do casinos right."

Doing Atlantic City right, really right, meant speaking with "old pal" Bobby Flay and restaurateur Michael Schulson — both of whom have successful spaces at the Borgata — then bringing something Symon longed to do since his start: an Italian restaurant named after his mom, Angeline.

Along with that, however, there is an issue of Symon's reputation for helping troubled cities' economies by ushering in hot spots to drive new monies to bad areas. "My friends kid me, 'First you open in Cleveland then you go to Detroit.' That's been rough. We hope that we're part of any revitalization. We look to embrace the towns, their cultures and their people. Same with A.C."

For Symon, Angeline is a restaurant espe-

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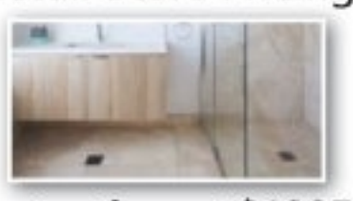

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Caption: Chef Michael Symon has a lot on his plate these days with the opening of his newest restaurant Angeline in Atlantic City. ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

cially close to his heart, as his mom is aging, and he's eager to salute her foods and recipes ("what I grew up eating") with a space that's so personal, he lives in fear. "I kept thinking of her coming into my kitchen and telling me something wasn't right, so I'm working extra hard than usual," he says. "Plus, it's my favorite food to eat. Walking through the front door and seeing her name engraved in tile — this is serious, now."

Part Italian, Greek and Eastern European, Symon's Angeline mixes the red sauce American Italian style of his upbringing with notes of Sicily and the region his family is from. At Angeline, Symon ensures that everything is top-quality down to the finest detail.

"Even if we're doing a staple like chicken parm, we're doing it with free-raised chickens, the right way. When it comes to Sicilian specialties, we're true. Nothing you'd typically see here. I dig cooking with fire and smoke and I adore meat and American flavors," he says. "Angeline is a love letter to my mother."

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Amy Aldrige has danced with the Pennsylvania Ballet since 1994.
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Amy Aldridge takes her final bow with the Pennsylvania Ballet

After 23 years with the company, the ballerina is retiring from the stage and moving on to her next venture.

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It's difficult to imagine what it must feel like for a professional ballet dancer to gear up for her final performance. That day is fast approaching for Amy Aldridge — after 23 years of dancing with the Pennsylvania Ballet, she is retiring from the stage May 14 with a *pas de deux* from George Balanchine's "Rubies."

"I have so many mixed emotions," says Aldridge. "The Academy of Music stage is probably the most beautiful stage I've ever danced on. There's a nice charm to it — a sense of peace. I'm very excited but a little sad and nervous."

Aldridge's parents were encouraged to enroll her in ballet after she playfully danced on an empty restaurant stage as a kid. "I've been at it ever since," she says.

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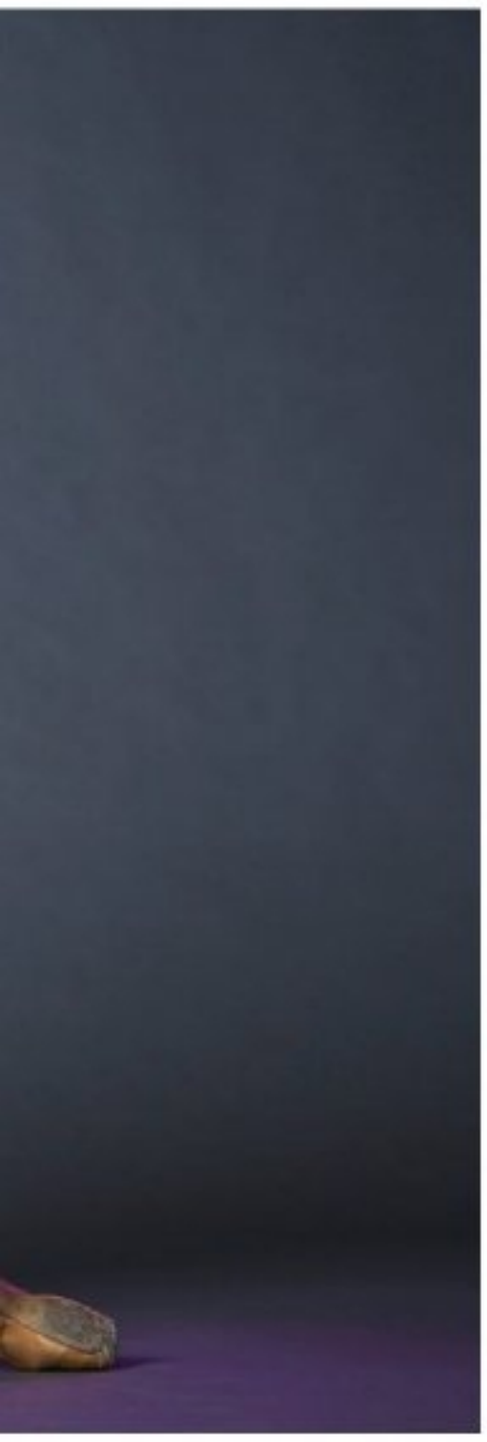

Aldridge in William Forsythe's "In the middle, somewhat elevated." ALEXANDER IZILIAEV

Aldridge will perform a *pas de deux* from Balanchine's "Rubies." ALEXANDER IZILIAEV

Richmond, Virginia, native joined the Pennsylvania Ballet in 1994.

"I always said, 'I'll never start and finish my career in the same place. I don't like Philadelphia. I don't want to be here,'" she remembers. "When I first moved here, it was just tumbleweeds on Walnut Street. It wasn't really that developed and the crime rate was high. And then the city started changing."

Philadelphia's cultural renaissance over the past few years has won over Aldridge, who plans to stay here after her retirement.

"To see the city change and grow and see the arts grow in Philadelphia has changed my perspective and how I feel about staying here. It definitely made me want to stick around," she notes.

Don't think Aldridge is going to completely stray from keeping "on-pointe" as a dancer simply because she's retiring from performing, however.

"I still plan on taking class because that's what I do. If I stop moving, my body would completely shut down. I feel better when I am dancing and when I am taking class," she says.

Once she wraps up her time with the Pennsylvania Ballet, she plans on teaching as well as spending more quality time with her cocker spaniel, Daisy.

"I feel fortunate to have gotten the opportunity to work under two amazing artistic directors and collaborate with so many talented choreographers," says Aldridge. "My future is still full of dance, but in a different capacity. I love teaching and look forward to sharing my experience and knowledge with the next generation of dancers."

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National Nurses Week began Saturday, which means it's time to celebrate and learn more about this in-demand field. Between taking care of patients, educating the public about health conditions and providing emotional support to family members, a nurse's job affects a very large community.

We spoke with Diane Mancino, the executive director at the National Student Nurses Association, to find out more about this widely respected and highly valued profession:

What does a nurse do?

In its most simplified form, "the nurse's role is to keep patients healthy, bring them back to health, and provide them comfort when they cannot be brought back to health, by allowing them to have a comfortable passing," says Mancino.

Throughout the day, nurses stay in close contact with patients, assessing their progress, their physical and mental needs, and providing the necessary treatment. That can range anywhere from making sure they're taking their medications to coordinating care from other services such as physical therapy or social work.

"Nurses look at patients holistically," says Mancino. "They're not just looking at a specific body system — they're looking at all of the needs of a patient."

What schooling do you need?

"Nursing, unlike other health professions, has several entry points," says Mancino. Students can either get a bachelor of science degree in nursing, an associate's degree in nursing or a diploma from an approved nursing program.

After that, they need to take the National Council Licensure Examination so they can become either a registered or practical nurse.

What's the typical salary?

The median annual salary for registered nurses was $68,450 in May 2016, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics. The best-paid 10 percent in the profession made $102,990, while the lowest-paid 10 percent made $47,120.

Is it hard to find employment?

Between the large number of registered nurses who are retiring and the aging baby boomers, "we're seeing an increase in demand for nurses," says Mancino.

"And not only in acute-care settings, but also in the community," she continues. "We have a lot of older people who have chronic illnesses — things like arthritis and diabetes — that need to be monitored at home to make sure they're taking their medications correctly and getting the services and supplies that they need."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics also expects the profession to grow 16 percent by 2024, during which an estimated 439,300 jobs will open up.

The pros

One of the best parts of the job is the fact that there are so many different areas to work in.

You can become a nurse educator and teach nursing, work as a nurse researcher, or even go into advanced practice nursing where you're doing primary care in different settings, Mancino explains. "If you get bored in one place doing one thing, you can always switch it up."

There's also the respect that comes with the profession, says Mancino. "We have high ethical standards, are recognized for being honest and, I think probably more than anything else, we're there for patients around the clock."

The cons

Students right out of nursing school tend to wind up on the night shift, says Mancino.

"And while some people with children might like it because they can be home during the day when their kids need them, for most people, working nights isn't very pleasurable."

Plus, "with the shortage that's beginning to show up and the inadequate staffing, some nurses might have to do more than the normal work load and take on extra patients," she continues.

The job can be emotionally challenging.

"Nurses have to learn to cope with and understand the emotions families and patients have to go through when they're experiencing pain, or being told that they have a diagnosis of cancer," says Mancino.

"It's part of the job. You have to be able to do that."

This coding school pays students to learn

This coding boot camp teaches students the exact skills they'll need in the workplace. ISTOCK

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Coding has been gaining popularity lately, prompting an eruption of classes and programs that promise to transform students into agile programmers. But none of them compare with a new coding boot camp — one that not only pays students to learn, but also offers them a job after completion.

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The best part of the program: There's no student debt and no post-grad job-hunting frenzy. Those who are accepted are paid an hourly wage of $11, and are later employed by one of Revature's partner companies — which range from Capital One to the Department of Labor.

"Coming out of college, I read tons of job listings asking for years, sometimes even decades worth of experience, using tools I was unfamiliar with," 23-year-old recent Revature grad, Travis Pierre recounts.

It was during the course of the program, that he learned everything he would need to obtain his current role as a software developer for a federal agency.

"What differentiates us from normal coding boot camps is that we're teaching students the specific skills that our clients — where they're going to work — have said they want these individuals to have," says Joe Vacca, the company's CMO.

If a student is looking to start working for American Express, that means they'll begin with a thorough training in a financial institution related system, says Vacca. "That way, when you get there, you'll realize, that 70 percent of the tech work is done with the skill set that you have, so your ability to move ahead in that organization is much easier."

It's in Revature's best interest to get its students properly trained for a particular organization. The company operates on an employer-paid model. "We only make money once the software engineer is deployed at our client location," explains Vacca.

He says with minor exceptions, almost all of the individuals who complete the program go to work on a client project, and 85 percent of those go on to work for our client as full-time employee.

Students learn more than just coding — they also run through a series of communication exercises.

Feedback from corporate clients informs that employers want workers who are more than just technologically competent, says Vacca.

"One thing we've heard loud and clear was: We need better communication skills," he explains. "There's always going to be the stereotype of the software developer sitting in a backroom and coding for 48 hours straight, but that's not a reality."

Instead, coders are often speaking to different units throughout the company, so they need to understand how businesses work and how to communicate effectively, says Vacca.

To prepare for this, students are tasked with completing a series of "soft-skill" exercises, which include going out to Starbucks and sparking up a conversation with a complete stranger. They also run through mock interviews, prepare for serious business meetings, and are even prepped on how to dress professionally.

For Pierre, that means heading off to work each day with confidence.

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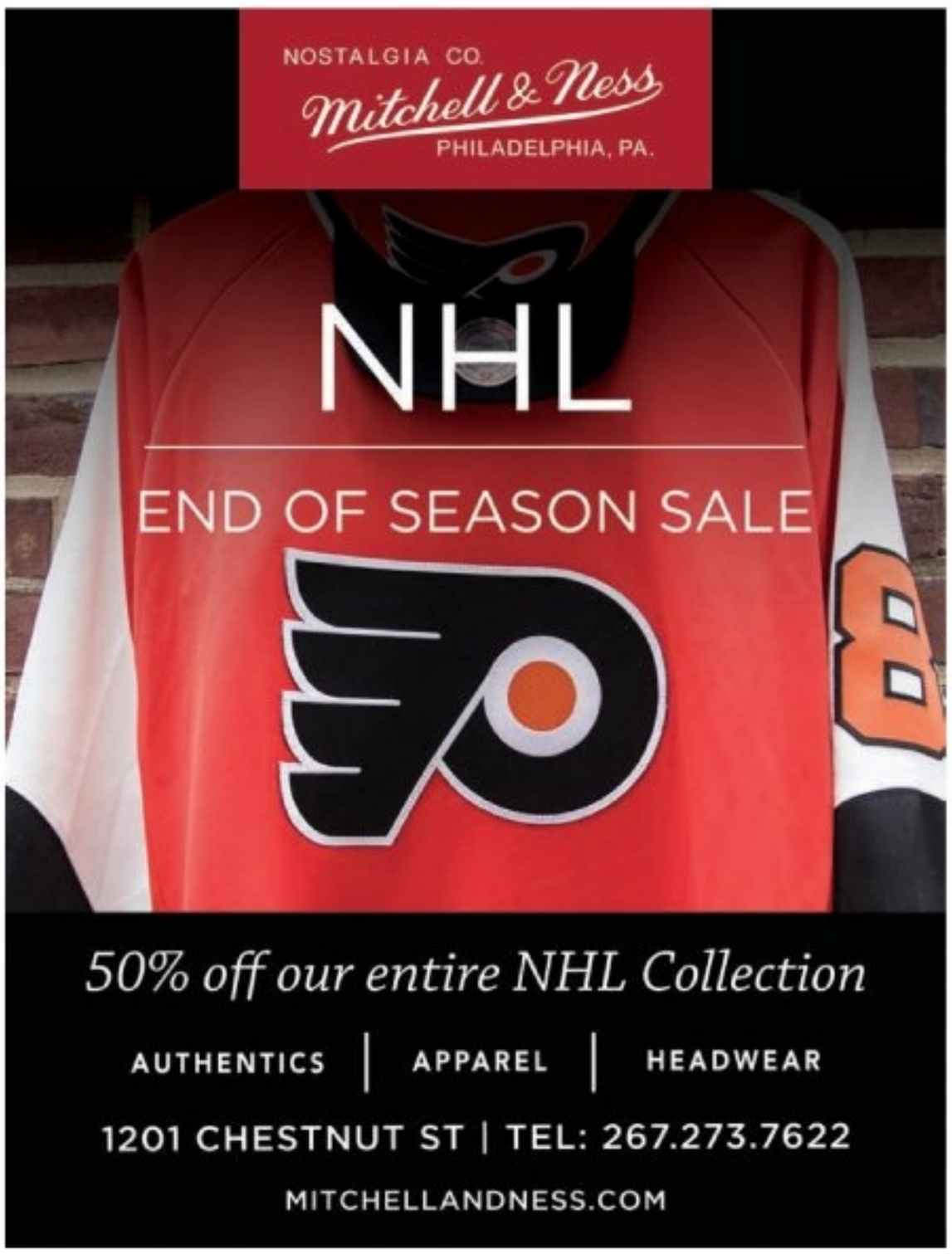
The Eagles are taking a chance on an undersized running back with a lot of mileage in rookie Donnell Pumphrey. GETTY IMAGES

Are the Eagles looking to turn Pumphrey into the next Sproles?



The Eagles fourth-round pick, Donnell Pumphrey, will fight to make an immediate impact this season.

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In a league that prizes natural athletic gifts almost just as much as speed or strength, the Eagles are doubling down on one of the smallest players taken in the 2017 NFL draft.

After ushering in the latter half of what the Eagles' new draftee Donnell Pumphrey calls a Hall of Fame career, Philly has loved every minute of having Darren Sproles on its roster.

The 5-foot-6 speedster has returned kicks and punts better than nearly anyone in football. He can shift from left to right in the blink of en eye, line up in the slot or run between the tackles. His low center of gravity and constantly churning motor makes him hard to tackle. And he recently announced that the 2017 season would be his last in the NFL.

But don't fret. With the 132nd pick in the NFL draft, the Eagles selected Pumphrey, 5-foot-9 and 180 pounds, from San Diego State. When Sproles (5-foot-6) retires and eventually takes his place on the Eagles' Wall of Honor, Pumphrey will be running hard for the little guy — something Eagles fans clamor for.

"I just try to make guys miss and when it's time to get down, I get down," Pumphrey told the Eagles media after he was drafted last weekend. "I really don't think about injuries or anything like that. I just play football to play. I know injuries come with the game and I just give my all every chance I get, every time I step on the field. I just thank God for it all. I haven't gotten hurt and it's been a blessing."

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It's possible Philly got a steal in the fourth round, as no college Division-I running back has ever run for more yards than Pumphrey has, tallying 6,405 yards — just eight more than former all-time leader Ron Dayne — during his four years in San Diego.

"With Pumphrey, the thing that stands out the most is prolific production," Eagles head of player personnel Joe Douglas said. "He's set every record. You're talking about a guy that broke Marshall Faulk's record. Lightning feet. Great feet and great hands. And don't let the size fool you: This guy, he's a little dog that thinks he's a big dog, and he plays that way. I love the way he plays, and I love how productive he is."

Pumphrey will compete for playing time among a running back group with no clear featured back. Ryan Mathews, who has had issues staying healthy, is expected to be cut before training camp. Sproles will continue to mentor Pumphrey during his last NFL season while Wendell Smallwood and Bryon Marshall compete for reps behind Carson Wentz. It wouldn't be out of the realm of possibility for Pumphrey to work his way atop the depth chart before the end of the 2017 season.

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Eagles should make push to sign Blount

The Eagles are a little thin at running back and free agent LeGarrette Blount is a perfect fit.

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LeGarrette Blount would be the exact sort of veteran, power running back the Eagles desperately need. GETTY IMAGES

The Eagles have completely overhauled their wide receiving corps.

From the minute the team drafted Carson Wentz second overall in 2016, they made a commitment to build an offense around their franchise quarterback, and when free agency started in March they put their money where their mouths were, backing up Brinks trucks to sign Alshon Jeffery to a one-year deal, and a three-year deal (with opt-outs) for Torrey Smith.

With tight ends Zach Ertz and Brent Celek tied up long-term, the Eagles added depth and built for the future by taking Mack Hollins and Shelton Gibson at wide receiver on the 2017 NFL draft's third day.

However, when it came to running back the Eagles were less aggressive.

They drafted Donnell Pumphrey on Day 3, a small speedy running back with lots of mileage, but didn't do anything to address their lack of a future star at the position. And with Ryan Mathews possibly on his way out as he recovers from offseason surgery, the team is left with few options at the spot.

"We're really excited to make sure that we got Pumphrey, and then we like the players that are in the building," Howie Roseman said on the Eagles' running back situation shortly after the draft. "We've got Ryan [Mathews], we've got Darren [Sproles], Wendell [Smallwood], and Byron Marshall is a guy who can cross-train and play receiver and running back, as well.

"We've got some talent at that position, and we're excited to see them."

Sproles retires at the end of the year and Smallwood and Marshall have proven little in the NFL. The door is open for a veteran bruiser, someone who can handle third down duties and mentor the youth in the RB room.

Enter Patriots free agent LeGarrette Blount, who remains a free agent as minicamps approach.

According to sources, the Lions and Giants are the two top teams interested, but don't be surprised if the Eagles get in the mix.

Blount will be expecting a bigger deal in 2017 after earning just $1 million in New England last year. Spotrac.com says his market value is $4.3 million, a sum the Eagles can certainly not afford for a running back. The 30-year-old led all NFL running backs with 18 touchdowns last year while also running for 1,161 yards.

But this late in the free agent market teams are getting more and more leverage, and a team-friendly deal could wind up working in the Eagles' favor.

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Is hitting coach Stairs behind improving Phillies' offense?

To what do the Phillies owe their surprisingly potent offense in 2017? Try hitting coach Matt Stairs.

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The Phillies' have been undeniably better at the plate in 2017 than previous recent seasons. GETTY IMAGES

The Phillies made a handful of moves last offseason, many with the intention of improving the offense.

Perhaps the biggest move — and the most surprising — was when they elected to promote Matt Stairs from the television booth to the Phillies' hitting coach. It was a move that faced questioning early on, but after nearly a month and a half of baseball, the move is quietly paying off.

Now there's no one stat, or really any true way of determining a coach's impact — but the raw numbers suggest the Phillies are on an improved offense, and some of that surely is a result of Stairs.

The Phillies enter Sunday five games below .500 but just two games back of the second-place New York Mets. That may not seem like much, but for a team who has one eye toward the future, any progress is good progress.

That progress can be seen in their offensive numbers. The Phillies are batting .253, which is 13 points higher than they did last season. They're also averaging 4.52 runs per game, good enough for ninth in the National League. In 2016, the Phillies were last in the league at 3.77 runs per game.

"It's good to see the offense come alive like that," said manager Pete Mackanin after the Phillies put up seven runs on the Marlins a week and a half ago. This also has been a statement that the skipper has said more than once, a sign of the strides this offense has made.

Across the board, the numbers all seem to be better than last. Their slugging percentage is up nearly 40 points, on-base percentage has increased by 20 points and their OPS is close to 50 points better.

Cesar Hernandez has really seen his swing come full circle this season with a team-high .339 average after batting .294 the season before. So, too, has Aaron Altherr, who also can credit being 100 percent healthy and has earned the playing time, even garnering some praise from general manager Matt Klentak during the Cubs series.

How much has Stairs' presence impacted any of those two?

Again, it's hard to pinpoint anything, but it's also tough to rule it out as just a coincidence when the team's overall numbers all have seen a tick upward with a lineup nearly identical to 2016.

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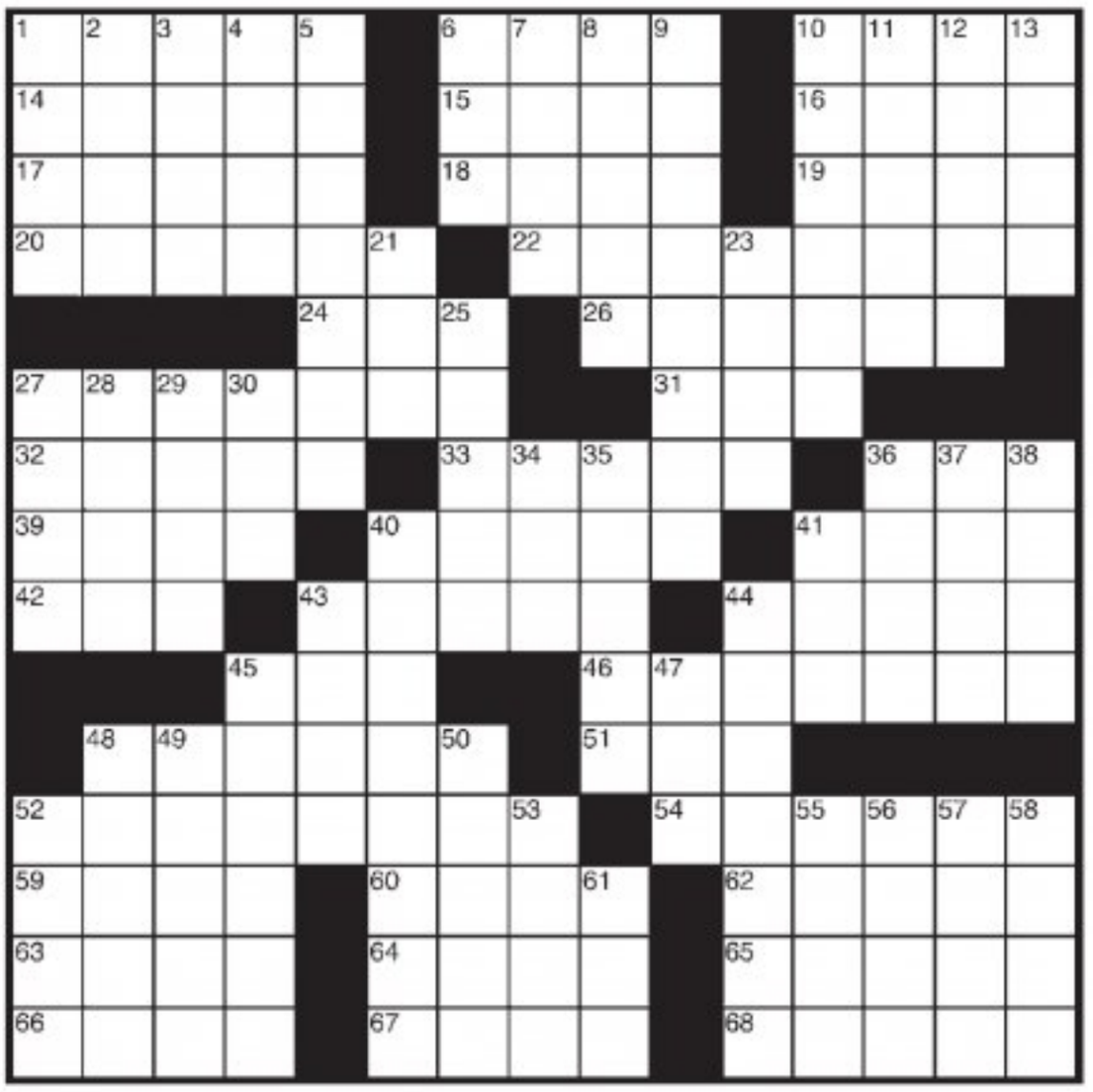

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